

Remarks/Arguments

Claim 1 remains pending. Reexamination and reconsideration are requested.

Claim 1 has been amended to remove reference to polyethylene, polypropylene, and thermoplastic polyolefin polymers. Accordingly, no new matter has been entered.

Claim 1 has been rejected under 35 U. S. C. § 103(a) over Fillon et al. (USP 5,952,630) in view of Vorst et al. (USP 4,401,992).

In the office action of December 21, 2007, it was pointed out that with respect to pending claim 1, Fillon et al ('630):

- does not teach that said skin is colored (office action at page 3); and
- does not teach a process of marking said outer skin layer using a laser (office action at page 3)

It was then argued that Vorst et al ('992) "teach a material consisting of a polyolefin (polypropylene) and a pigment which is marked with a laser. Accordingly, Fillon et al and Vorst et al were combined in support of the outstanding rejection under 35 USC 103.

As noted above, claim 1 has been amended to remove reference to polypropylene and polyolefin polymers. It is also worth noting the Vorst et al ('992) elected to be quite specific concerning what material were at all suitable for laser marking, as put forward at column 2, lines 35-40, which only identified the following resins as suitable for marking: polypropylene, polyethelene (sic), polystyrene, polyacrylate, polymethacrylate and polyphenylene-oxide. Vorst et al ('992) then goes on to disclose only one working example which utilized polypropylene (Shell PKN 8100). See, column 3, lines 31-62).

Accordingly, the claims have been amended in a manner that is believed to distinguish over the art of record.

In consideration of the remarks hereinabove, Applicants respectfully submit that all claims currently pending in the Application are believed to be in condition for allowance. Allowance at an early date is respectfully solicited.

In the event the Examiner deems personal contact is necessary, please contact the undersigned attorney at (603) 668-6560.

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